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In the application of)
Burbank et al.)
For: **TISSUE ACQUISITION SYSTEM**)
 AND METHOD OF USE)
Serial No.: 09/981,525)
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1. Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement, a Form PTO-1449, and a Return Receipt Postcard.

2. Claim Fee Calculation

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
☐ Amendment increases number of claims or multiple dependencies.

Additional Claim Fee Calculation

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee
Independent Claims	202	3- 3 =	0 x	\$42 =	\$0
Total Claims	203	19-19 =	0 x	\$9 =	\$0

Additional Claims Fee:\$0

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

This application is a divisional of copending patent application Serial No. 09/196,125, filed November 20, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of patent application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,166, which claims benefit to provisional patent application Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998, all of which applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and from which priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120.

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